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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re: Application of: Hendrik FRANK  
Serial No.: 09/696,812  
Filed: October 26, 2000  
For: SHEET TRANSPORT SYSTEM FOR A ROTARY  
PRINTING PRESS

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

BOX FEE  
Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

May 24, 2002

Sir:

In response to the office action dated February 27, 2002, applicant hereby requests reconsideration of the application based on the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 1 without prejudice.

Please amend the following claims

2. (Amended) A rotary printing press with a sheet transport system comprising:  
two cylinders forming a nip;  
a first rail configured on one side of a sheet transport path and a second rail configured on the other side of the sheet transport path; and  
at least one first driven gripper being guided on the first rail and at least one second driven gripper being guided on the second rail,  
the at least one first gripper and the at least one second gripper pulling a sheet to be conveyed in a feed direction, the sheet having a first side edge, a second side edge and a front end with respect to the feed direction,